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Dear Mr. Stacey:

As a past Deputy Mayor of Meriden and presently a member of the Meriden Conservation Commission, I agree that newly proposed Streamflow regulations appear to be a conscientious and beneficial plan for most of Connecticut's rivers with the exception of the class 4 designation.

The Meriden Conservation Commission supports the need for Streamflow Regulations but with an amendment to remove a class 4 from its proposed categories.

The Streamflow Regulations that are being proposed place a real concern that the Quinnipiac River with its past history will fall into a Class 4 as a "condemned river", that would mean it would receive no protection.

No river should be classified into a throw away category; the water belongs to all of the people in the state of Connecticut – our state is water rich, and there is no reason with proper dialog and planning that both humans and wildlife can't survive; one should not be sacrificed over the other.

The Meriden Conservation Commission strongly objects to sacrificing any river, even urban ones like the Quinnipiac. As a member of this commission I request that The Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection should delete Class 4.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anna P. Neumon". To the right of the signature, the date "2-1-2010" is handwritten.

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